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In re Application of: Jeppesen et al.

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For: New Compounds, Their Preparation and Use

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Before the above-captioned application is taken up for examination, entry of the following amendment is respectfully requested:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, after the title, insert

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 09/420,347 filed on October 19, 1999, ^(now US Patent No. 6,365,586) and claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 of Danish application PA 1998 01354 filed on October 21, 1998 and of U.S. provisional application no. 60/105,913 filed on October 28, 1998, the contents of which are fully incorporated herein by reference. ^f

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 3-6, 8-15, 17, 19-22, 25, 35, 37-42, and 45-49, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Substitute the following amended claims for the pending claims having the same claim numbers (a marked-up version pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.21 is attached hereto):

1. (Amended) A compound of formula (Ia)